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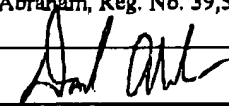
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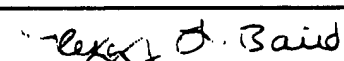
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Sir:

Applicants submit this Response further to the Response filed September 22, 2000, which was fully responsive to the outstanding Examiner's Office Action dated March 22, 2000. Please consider the following amendments and remarks.

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